

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 7 and 9 are pending for further examination.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 6 and 7 recite allowable subject matter.

Claim 4 has been amended to include the features of claim 6 (now canceled). Therefore, claim 4 should be allowable. Claims 5, 7 and 9 depend from claim 4 and, therefore, should be allowable as well.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

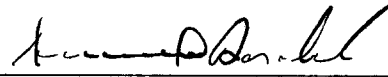
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